

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 18th December 2017



Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Monday 18th December to Friday 5th January – Christmas holidays
- Monday 8th January – return to school**
- Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th January - Year 4 trips to Thames Water
- Friday 19th January - Year 3 trip to Sikh temple
- Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January - Parent consultations for PPG & SEND

Awards & Honours – Week Ending 14th December 2017



HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK					Total Year - 17/18	
House Name (Alphabetical)	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place		
Copper Beech				4 th Place	5347	2 nd
Horse Chestnut		2 nd Place			5478	1 st
Majestic Oak	1 st Place				5319	3 rd
Sycamore			3 rd Place		5270	4 th

	ATTENDANCE		
	Year Group	Name	%
	1 st Place	NEPAL	98.3%
	2 nd Place	ECUADOR & FIJI	97.7%
	3 rd Place	TONGA	97.2%
	Let's improve!	ITALY	89.8%

	STARS OF THE WEEK			
	Year Group	Name		
Reception	Erish Squirrel	Layton Hedgehog	Zarah Badger	
Year 1	Arabella Tonga	Kallum Australia	Raanya Fiji	
Year 2	Aiesha Mexico	Azaan Jamaica	Mohabbah Canada	
Year 3	Ahmad Chile	Amaan Peru	Arisha Ecuador	
Year 4	Lasya Mozambique	Maliha Tanzania	Mariam Morocco	
Year 5	Ibrahim Hungary	Mohid France	Zara Italy	
Year 6	Chantelle Thailand	Laaibah China	Rayhaan Nepal	



Mathletics winners for Autumn term are Jamaica 😊

Next update in the New Year

School News Items - General Reminders – Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really lovely week here at Wexham. The pupils have had so many exciting events take place, such as a visit from Santa, whole school Christmas Lunch, Christmas movies and whole school assembly. All of which it has been a real pleasure to watch them enjoy. I particularly enjoyed the Roman feast hosted for parents by Year three. I, along with the parents, was very impressed by the things they had learnt; well done to them

I would like to thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts; the children are always so excited to hand out a present, just that alone is worth it. I hope that you have a very restful but enjoyable break and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Wexham Court Primary

Thank you for your donations

A big Thank You to you all for your generous donations of food and toiletries. These will be distributed between the food banks, homeless shelters and local faith institutions who are also giving out food over the break.



School Gates

Please note that, as of next term, only the Upper Primary (Moat Drive) gate and Parent car park gate will be open before and after school. We have a number of senior staff who are on maternity and four entry points to man each day. Should anything urgent come up at the end of the day we have to at the last minute arrange cover, and thus parents are kept waiting. Having met with the health and safety officer to discuss the access points for the barn, they also advised not having so many points of entry. This will start as of Tuesday 9th January; the gates will open at 8.30am and again at 2.55pm. This gate has marking outside and so far we have reduced the number of parents stopping on the zigzags each day, making it much safer to cross here.

We received this message, to pass on to some kind and helpful parents who came to Alice's rescue!

If it's not too late to add to the newsletter, or possible to send another message, I wondered if you would please be able to add in a thank you - my double buggy broke outside the school gates this morning and I was immediately surrounded by offers of help from other parents. I was so appreciative of everybody's help and support in a moment of utter frustration (rushing in at the last moment on what was becoming "one of those mornings" a broken buggy was the last thing I needed!) and as I carried on rushing I just wanted to make sure those who helped know how grateful I am! The friendly and welcoming atmosphere on the playground is one of the things that attracted me to Wexham Court and on this particular morning made a huge difference to my day - Thank You!

Thanks

Alice



Christmas lunch

We all enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday; a big thank you to Lisa and her team for all the lovely food. Nearly every child said thank you and wished the team a Merry Christmas. They all had a cracker and time to sit with their classmates and enjoy some songs. This is a great opportunity to sit with the pupils and eat as a team. Everyone looked very festive too, in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for your donations for this, which will go to the 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal'



Whole school assembly

The whole school came together for an assembly on Thursday. This year the focus was on 'Acts of Kindness'. The children have been asked to think about how they can work kindness into their lives and at the same time think of the needs of others before their own. They came up with some lovely ideas and agreed that smiling and giving up their time to talk to or help somebody else would be a good start. During the assembly they received various Certificates and were presented with medals and prizes. This was finished off by a lovely performance from our guitarists (Louisa and Mahathy) and a whole school sing along of 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. Just as we were leaving, Mrs Woodman announced that Santa had been into school and drank her milk. He left a letter of thanks for the food donated by the children and promised a flying visit the next day.



These are the winners of the Active Movement photo competition, Sian and Amna, who received their prizes in the Assembly:



Year 3 Roman Feast

Year 3 showcased their learning by holding a Roman Day for their parents and carers on Thursday 14th December. They had been enquiring about "What the Romans did for us?" this term. On the Roman Day, students and teachers dressed as Romans and they performed a poem to a hall full of parents and carers. After this, they completed Roman related activities inside their classrooms. They were able to showcase their catapults, mosaics and Roman shields. They also organised Roman Food for their parents and carers by baking bread rolls and making fruit skewers. We all had a wonderful day and the students showed a lot of enthusiasm for what they had learnt. Thank you to all those who could attend.





Visit from Santa

As promised, Santa visited the school today with a little bag of goodies for each child. He took away the food donated and will help give it out over the break. The pupils were very excited and even gave him some Christmas cards.



Bauble bites

Skills acquired checklist:

- Arranging toppings/ingredients Spreading with a knife



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Step 6

Bauble bites

Ingredients:

- 6 rice cakes/corn cakes
- Small bowl of cream cheese
- Toppings: a small bowl of sweetcorn, 1 thinly sliced green and red pepper
- 6 chunky-cut pieces of cucumber

Equipment:

- 6 paper plates
- 5 bowls (each one containing an ingredient/topping)
- 6 knives (to spread cream cheese)
- 6 cocktail sticks

Instructions:

- Spread a small amount of cream cheese onto a rice cake using a knife.
- Choose some toppings and create a pattern.
- Skewer a chunk of cucumber onto a cocktail stick.
- Pierce the rice cake with the cocktail stick to complete the bauble.
- Nibble and enjoy!



Learning objectives:

Assemble ingredients to create a 'mouth-watering' pattern.

Explore the properties of different foods, e.g. taste and texture.

Understand why eating a rainbow of colours is healthy.

Glossary:

- Skewer – to push a pointed object into something.
- Pattern – a recurring design using a variety of colour and shapes of food.
- Chunk – a large piece.

Nutrition know-how:

Peppers are a member of the nightshade family, which includes tomatoes and potatoes. They contain vitamin C, which helps our bodies fight germs.

Cross-curricular links:

- Design and technology (cooking and nutrition)
- English (following instructions)
- Maths (patterns)
- Art and design

Home-cooking/crafting add-ons:

What other toppings could you use to add colour and texture? (Tomato, carrot, red onion)
Can you think of another festive spread? (Creamed avocado)



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Santa's brain boost!

Skills acquired checklist:

- Measuring using spoons and cube Measuring liquids Blending ingredients



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Step 6

Santa's brain boost!

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 3 cups of frozen berries
- 2 handfuls of spinach
- 2 tbsp. natural yoghurt
- 300ml of liquid – water/coconut water/apple juice

Equipment:

- Blender
- Measuring jug
- Tablespoon
- 6 cups and straws
- Scissors
- Sellotape/glue dots
- Black card/paper
- Tin foil
- White pom-poms

Instructions:

- Cut the card into a belt and shoes and attach to the cup with sellotape/glue dots.
- Use the tin foil to make a buckle for the belt and add the pom-poms to the top of the cup.
- Measure all the ingredients into a blender.
- Blend until smooth and combined.
- Pour into glasses and enjoy!



Learning objectives:

Combine and blend ingredients to make a drink.

Design and technology (cooking and nutrition)

Maths (measurement)
English (following instructions)

Glossary:

- Measure – counting or weighing ingredients for a recipe.
- Blend – mixing ingredients together.
- Tbsp. – tablespoon.

Home-cooking/crafting add-ons:

Can you change the ingredients to make a green smoothie for Santa? What ingredients could you use for a snowman smoothie?

Spinach is a great source of vitamins and minerals (A, C, K, B6, E, Ca, K, and Mg.) and bananas are a great source of energy for our brain.



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Term Dates 2017/2018

Autumn 2017	
TERM 1 - Monday 4th September 2017 - Friday 20th October 2017	
Term Starts on (for pupils):	Monday 4th September 2017
Term Ends on (for pupils):	Friday 21st October 2017
October Holidays:	Monday 23rd October 2017 - Friday 27th October 2017
TERM 2 - Monday 30th October 2017 - Friday 15th December 2017	
Term Starts on (for pupils):	Monday 30th October 2017
Term Ends on (for pupils):	Friday 15th December 2017
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 18th December - Friday 5th January 2018
Spring 2018	
TERM 3 - Monday 8th January 2018 - Friday 9th February 2018	
Term Starts on (for pupils):	Monday 8th January 2018
Term Ends on (for pupils):	Friday 9th February 2018
February Holidays:	Monday 12th February 2018 - Friday 16th February 2018
TERM 4 - Monday 19th February 2018 - Thursday 29th March 2018	
Term Starts on (for pupils):	Monday 19th February 2018
Term Ends on (for pupils):	Thursday 29th March 2018
Spring Holidays:	Friday 30th March 2018 - Friday 13th April 2018
Summer 2018	
TERM 5 - Monday 16th April 2018 - Friday 25th May 2018	
Term Starts on (for pupils):	Monday 16th April 2018
Term Ends on (for pupils):	Friday 25th May 2018
May Holidays:	Monday 28th May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018
TERM 6 - Monday 4th June 2018 - Thursday 26th July 2018	
Term Starts on (for pupils):	Monday 4th June 2018
Term Ends on (for pupils):	Thursday 26th July 2018
INSET DAYS:	Friday 27th July 2018
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	Friday 27th July 2017



Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, daily updates, news and photos . . . We are keen to share our twitter page with everyone, so please tell people about it. We do monitor it daily and if anything inappropriate appears, we will remove it. @wexhamPS

Community Postings

Please remember to look at the school noticeboards for information on local events.

£2 per ticket
Purchase tickets for your company and support our local charity together.
£1 per ticket donated to First Days

FIRST DAYS

London Irish

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SATURDAY
30 DECEMBER

NEWCASTLE FALCONS

Family fun over the Christmas period!
To purchase, contact:
bill.pulling@london-irish.com

The bottom section of the poster features a photograph of a group of children and a mascot wearing a Santa hat, standing in front of a tent in an outdoor setting.